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LOYALTY VIEWPOINT

INSTITUTING ORDER

by Rabbi David L. Silver

In the sixteenth century, Rabbi Joseph Karo found the stability of religious observance endangered by two factors, the migration to eastern countries of many Spanish-Portuguese Jews after their expulsion and the invention of the printing press. With the coming of the new immigrants to Turkey and elsewhere, different religious practices began to prevail side by side some following usages they had been accustomed to in Spain, others following the observances that had been traditional in the East.

This lack of uniform religious observance obviously brought about considerable confusion in the eyes of the public; many Jews were bewildered by the apparent existence of two sets of religious law within the framework of the same religion. This bewilderment was enhanced by the position taken by some quasi-learned Jews. The invention of the printing press had made available to them books containing discussions of law, and in studying these works some felt themselves to be competent to choose the legal opinions of whichever authority suited their fancy, without regard for the weight of authoritative rabbinic opinion. All this created a lamentable situation whereby religious practice, instead of cementing the bonds of Jewry, fostered the emergence of different groups, each following a so-called Jewish way of life according to its own pattern. Rabbi Joseph Karo sensing the danger inherent in such a situation set for himself the task of making a comprehensive survey of Jewish law and submitting to critical analysis the different legal opinions of our great sages from the Talmud down to his own time.

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HONORABLE MENTION

Our gala concert at the Metropolitan Opera House on Sunday evening February 21 has enlisted the support of many of our loyal friends.

Under the direction of Joseph Settel the chairman of the concert committee, efforts to dispose of tickets are being redoubled as the date of the concert draws closer.



MORRIS LEVINE

Honorable mention is due to our director Morris Levine, runner up for the title of "Champion Concert Ticket Seller". Mr. Levine suggests that a fine way to enjoy the concert with your friends is to take a box which seats eight and costs \$55.00.

Tickets are obtainable at prices from \$1.10 to \$6.60. Please act now while choice seats are still available.

Mail in your order without delay.

YOUNG FOLKS SERVICE SABBATH AFTERNOON

Tomorrow afternoon, at the Sabbath Services conducted by the young folks of the synagogue, Maurice Spanbock will read the Torah and Emanuel Yavneh will chant the Service. The speaker will be Alfred Ehrenfeld.

Orchestral Group

Do you play an instrument? Young and old are invited to join a new Orchestral Group now forming at the W.S.I.S. See Mr. Sugarman.

THIS MONDAY NIGHT COMMISSIONER HERLANDS WILL ADDRESS FORUM

After a short mid-winter recess the Bible Class and Forum will resume its weekly meetings this Monday night, January 11, at 8:30 P.M.



Hon. William B. Herlands

Guest speaker at this opening session will be the Hon. William B. Herlands, Commissioner of Investigation, whose investigations have made front page news since he was appointed to the post in 1938 by Mayor LaGuardia.

Commissioner Herlands, who has often worshipped with us, is a member of Phi Beta Kappa; a graduate of C. C. N. Y. and Columbia Law School. He served with the U. S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York, and was assistant Corporation Counsel of New York City, and Chief Assistant to Special Rackets Prosecutor Thomas E. Dewey, our new governor.

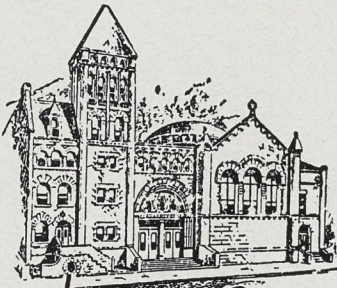
Because of his wide experience and intimate knowledge of our city's affairs the address by Commissioner Herlands is certain to be stimulating and of great interest to all—so come early to be assured of a seat.

Rabbi Goldstein's Bible Class begins promptly at 8:30 P.M.

LAYMEN'S INSTITUTE

RESUMES SESSIONS

Monday evening, January 11th



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NINETY MISGUIDED RABBIS

In one of the saddest hours of Jewish history—one in which millions of Jews are being murderously destroyed and millions more awaiting Nazi extermination; in an hour in which Palestine looms high on the horizon of Israel's hopes for salvation — looms as the only land to which our despoiled and suffering European brothers may turn at the termination of World War II; in an hour when it has been universally accepted that the solution of the Jewish problem will be found only in and not until Palestine shall have been established as the Jewish National Homeland; at the very moment that Palestine's future lay in the balance, ninety reform rabbis, a small fraction of the total American reform rabbinate, have banded together to war on political Zionism. They have done an unconscionable act. They have attempted to destroy the labors and aspirations of forty years of American Zionist endeavor.

To disapprove of political Zionism as individuals is their privilege, but to "incorporate" their ideas and thus confuse our people and confound the friends of Israel is unpardonable.

—E. L. L.

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THE SACRIFICE FOR THE RICH AND POOR by Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

Someone stepped on another man's corn and said, "Excuse me", and the man with the pained corn replied, "Don't step on my corn and don't say excuse me", or as the French proverb has it, "Qui s'excuse s'accuse", he who excuses himself accuses himself. However, when we repent we must have in mind that we shall not repeat the same sin over again. On the other hand, if one is poor and brings the female goat, which the rich had to offer, then he does not free himself of his obligation because G-d does not want him to spend more than he can afford.

Thus too, the Torah teaches that man should live within his means for otherwise he will be forced to gamble or to steal. If a man is used to live on a high scale and becomes poor and he still wants to live up to his accustomed way, he will undoubtedly fall into difficulty or come into bankruptcy, or do something that is wrong. So also our rabbis have said if one was wealthy and sinned, in one of the four cases previously mentioned, and in the meantime became poor, he should bring only two turtle-doves or two young pigeons. If he should become poorer still, he should bring merely a tenth of an "ephah" of flour and so vice-versa, if when one sinned he was poor and later became rich he must not bring the poor man's offerings but the offering of the rich man. In all these cases the קרבן עולה ויורד is brought. However, for those who never were aware of their sin, their offerings on the Pilgrim Holidays and on "Rosh Chodesh" atone. The king, the anointed priest, as well as the layman would bring offerings in accordance with their financial means.

He who transgressed these laws and did not bring his offering annulled a positive commandment.

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Following certain basic rules, he brought down these discussions to their final point so that once and for all people would know what is the final decision and what course is to be followed in keeping with the law.

Our age may in many ways be compared to that of sixteenth century Turkey, only that ours is worse by several degrees. American Israel is divided into three religious divisions and beyond these three are many Jews without any religious affiliation, who care not one bit for religious observances. The stand of Reform Judaism has until lately been very definite; theirs has been a rather consistent assimilationist course. Conservative Judaism, on the other hand, has been and still is one grand confusion, embracing congregations that run all the way from the borderline of orthodoxy to that of reform; in the latter case the two are separated only by virtue of the "yarmalke". The basic policy of the Conservatives, seems, however, to be one of adjustment and it is difficult

to perceive how adjustment and assimilation can be kept apart. The one is but the prelude to the other, and despite all their nationalist preaching, they will most likely be eventually engulfed in the maelstrom of assimilation.

What troubles me most, however, is the fact that even within the framework of so-called Orthodoxy there is so much variation. Some "orthodox" synagogues have late Friday night services with all the trappings thereof, Borchu, Kiddush and Kadish; others have only lectures plus the chanting of some Zimmiros; others have only open forum lectures.

We are definitely not in need of a new Shulchan Aruch (religious code). The one composed by Rabbi Joseph Karo with the commentaries thereon is valid enough. But what American Jews do need is the pursuance of uniform religious practices in our orthodox synagogues so that no board of directors nor even any individual rabbi can inaugurate some new stunt and still pretend to be within the proper fold.



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We ask our readers to please let us know if there are any corrections or additions to this list of "Our Boys in Service".

The boys like nothing more than to receive mail from home. If you want to drop one of our boys a line we'll be glad to let you have his address — we have most of them.

WEEKLY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Light Candles Friday Evening 5:31

Weekly Portion: VOEYRO

Friday Evening Service 5:35
 Saturday Morning Service 9:00
 Junior Congregation 10:00
 Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:30
 Mincha Service 5:35
 Sunday morning Service
 6:55; 7:45; 8:45
Daily Services:
 Mornings 6:55; 7:45; 8:15
 Mincha 5:40

Followed by the Interpretation of the Mishnah by Rabbi Goldstein

WOMEN'S LEAGUE Membership Get-Together Don't Miss It!

On Monday afternoon January 18 we are hoping to see at our Synagogue Building a very large percentage of all the women who have attended our Sabbath or holiday services during the past year, and many of their friends.

Mrs. Harry Ward and Mrs. Benjamin Spanbock, the co-chairmen of this function promise a very enjoyable afternoon to those who attend.

They have arranged for a guest speaker — Mrs. Helen G. Metzler, theatrical reader, to address us on the subject: The Theatrical Scene of 1942. Subscription is \$1.10 per person, which amount will be deducted from the 1943 dues of all who become members that afternoon.

Don't wait for the committee to contact you. Telephone the synagogue, TRafalgar 7-8281, and say you want to become a member of our Women's League. You will thereupon promptly find yourself part of the West Side Institutional Synagogue's happy and friendly family, and receive a very cordial welcome in our midst.

Your attendance at our meetings and Bible Class will help to bring you that spiritual comfort and bolstering up of morale which we so sorely need in these trying times.

Our next meeting will be held this coming Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. David H. Ullman will preside.

Mrs. Samuel Greenman will be the hostess at the social hour following the meeting.

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BAR MITZVAH



HERBERT BURKHOLZ

We congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Sydney Burkholz, the proud parents of Herbert, on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah in our synagogue tomorrow.

CLUB NOTES

The second meeting of the Choral Group will be held on Thursday evening, January 14. Arno Meyero-witz, group leader, has planned a very ambitious program for the remainder of the season.

All who enjoy the pleasure of lifting their voice in song are invited to join the group. Your age is just right — young or old, all are welcome.

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GETTING PERSONAL

Our former Sea Scout Skipper **Sid Harris** has been transferred to Camp Blanding, Florida. . . We are well represented on the west coast of Florida. **Mrs. Sarah Moss** was down at Sunset Beach, St. Petersburg, to join her daughter **Mrs. Hilna Perfit** over the year-end. . . Our friends **Mr. & Mrs. Harry Jacobs** and daughter **Rosmarie** have opened their beautiful home at Pass-A-Grille. . . Birthday candles to two of our studious young friends, **Naomi Anderson** and **Maurice Spanbock**. . . Happy wedding anniversary to our singing **Director and Mrs. Max Moskowitz**, also to our very good friends **Mr. & Mrs. Harry Cohen** who, in addition, celebrate their birthdays. . . One birthday candle to **Master Harry Irwin** son of **Mr. & Mrs. Milton B. Jacobs**. . . Our sincere congratulations are extended to **Max Stokar** who became engaged to **Miss Augusta Reichwald**. . . Last Shabbos we were honored with the presence of an active civic worker—**Louis Schwartz**. . . We were also glad to see **Harry A. Goidel**, a new arrival in this neighborhood, attend our services. . . For the peace

of mind of our "gabbai" **Pop Wartels**, we wish **Abe Glaser** would arrive a little earlier. . . Everybody noted the absence of our popular president **Lester Udell** from the presidential chair. We hope he has recovered from his slight indisposition. . . We also wish a speedy recovery to **Mrs. Joseph J. Newman**. . . The whole congregation enjoyed listening to the fine rendition of "maftir" by **Nathan K. Gross**. . . We were glad to see our own **Bobby Breitbart** pay a call at the synagogue while on a visit to the city. . . Recent hosts at the Junior Congregation "kiddush" were **Robert Hausman, Samuel Ward, and Lawrence Kobrin**. . . Last Shabbos the gracious hostess was **Emanuella Fine** who enjoys the distinction of being the youngest hostess the Junior Cong. has had. . . Among the welcome visitors in our office during the week, made in the interest of the synagogue, were: **Jack Berlin, David Cohen, Joseph Landowne, Julius Bayer, Sol Bellsey, and Israel Zucker**. We sure were glad to see them!

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